

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SEVN, BG, IN  
SUBJECT: FARAKKA TALKS RESUME APRIL 15 IN DACCA

REF: DACCA 1731 (NOTAL)

1. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN DACCA APRIL 4  
THAT TALKS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH ON FARAKKA  
BARRAGE WOULD RESUME IN DACCA ON APRIL 15. ANNOUNCE-  
MENT SAID INDIAN DELEGATION IS "EXPECTED TO BE LED BY  
DEFENSE MINISTER JAGJIVAN RAM".

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL BDG WOULD PREFER JAGJIVAN TO  
RETAIN HIS ROLE AS FARAKKA NEGOTIATOR BOTH AS IT FEELS  
JAGJIVAN HAS FULLY KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION AND AS IT  
BELIEVES IT HAS ESTABLISHED PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH HIM.  
WERE PRAKASH SINGH BADAL TO UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT BDG  
ASSUMES IT WOULD HAVE TO START AT SQUARE ONE ON BOTH COUNTS.

3. MANY BANGLADESHIS (OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL) HOPE  
THAT NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO REACH  
AMICABLE SETTLEMENT. MORARJI'S AND VAJPAYEE'S STATEMENTS  
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ON NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS ARE CITED IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
THEORY. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT GOI WILL  
IMPROVE OFFERS MADE IN LAST SESSION GIVEN ITS OWN REQUIRE-  
MENTS FOR WATER AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN WEST  
BENGAL. WE EXPECT BANGLADESHIS MAY BE DISAPPOINTED ON  
FARAKKA.

4. ON INDIAN SUPPORT TO "MISCREANTS", HOWEVER, WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT ACTIVITY BY INDIANS IS ALREADY DECREASING. SOURCES INCLUDE PRIVATE CITIZENS WITH CONTACTS IN MYMENSINGH DISTRICT AND NEWSPAPERMEN WHO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THERE. TO WHAT EXTENT THIS WISHFUL THINKING AND HOW FAR IT IS ACCURATE IS NOT YET CLEAR.

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